

Italian immigrants. Her parents instilled in her a strong sense of faith, family, hard work and community. She met and married the love of her life, State Representative and comedian, the late Robert Emmet Hagan, also from the Youngstown area. Together, they raised fourteen children, teaching them the values of hard work, dedication to family and giving to others—all by example.

Ahead of her time, Mrs. Hagan became a champion on behalf of social justice issues early on, and involved herself and her children in several activist movements, including the civil rights movement and worker's rights movement. Inspired by the Catholic worker's movement, Mrs. Hagan volunteered on behalf of unions and became involved in many social causes. She regularly marched with her young children down the main streets of Youngstown in support of fair housing, civil rights, peace and other causes. In addition, she volunteered her time and talents on behalf of those seeking public office, including her children. Her dedication to community service was life-long; at the age of 80, Mrs. Hagan led a group of friends and family in Washington, DC, in the Million Mom March to protest against guns.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mrs. Ada Marie Hagan, whose joyous life, framed by devotion to family, friends and service to community, will always be celebrated and remembered. I extend my deepest condolences to her children: Katie, Maggie, Jim, Tim, Bill, Bob, Jack, Chris, Anne, Elaine, Monica, Susan, Mary Therese and Jeff; to her 28 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and also to her extended family members and many friends. Mrs. Hagan's youthful spirit, great sense of humor, boundless energy and strong convictions inspired countless people of all ages and backgrounds, promoted positive change, and helped to lift our community and our nation into the light of human rights and social justice—and she will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, due to scheduling conflicts, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes Nos. 889, 890, and 891. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all three votes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, on the afternoon of December 11, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and failed to record my vote on rollcall vote 966. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on the Bachus substitute amendment to H.R. 4173.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
IDELL "SCOTTY" MILLER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of the beloved Idell "Scotty" Miller, devoted wife of the late John Miller; loving mother of John Jr. (deceased), Frank, Tyrone, Stanley, Czerny, and Linda; cherished grandmother of 17, devoted great-grandmother of 44, and loving great-great grandmother of 18; loving aunt and dear friend to many.

Mrs. Miller devoted her life to her faith. Her family was the foundation and joy of her life. She and Mr. Miller created a loving home to raise their children. She never missed the special events in the lives of her children and grandchildren and she would prepare wonderful family dinners for them. Mrs. Miller, also known for her wonderful laugh, great sense of humor and generous heart, lived life with great joy and love. She was a true matriarch within her family.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Mrs. Idell Miller, whose joyous spirit and love for others will exist forever within the hearts and memories of those who knew her best—her family and friends. I extend my deepest condolences to her family.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
RUTHE B. COWL REHABILITATION CENTER

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center serving Laredo, Texas, Webb County, and surrounding areas. This center is nationally renowned and serves a wide range of comprehensive services including physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, ideological assessment, counseling, and social services.

The late Mrs. Ruthe B. Cowl founded the Center in 1958 with a mission to establish a treatment center for people with disabilities of all kinds. Formerly known as the Laredo Rehabilitation Center, the Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center assists to the needs of disabled, physically challenged and handicapped individuals through a series of treatments and services. This grand initiative started on modest means of two small rooms of an old Health Department in 1959. Since 1966, the Center has continued to expand. The Center was renamed by Board Resolution to the Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center in 1970 to honor Mrs. Cowl for her tireless efforts for disabled services. Today, the Center stands as a beautiful, modern facility of nearly 33,000 square feet.

The Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center has been acclaimed at the State and National levels for being a pacesetter in the services provided in the area of rehabilitation. The Center is responsible for bringing many firsts to the Laredo and surrounding areas. The Center

plays a unique role in the community for achieving its mission to provide specialized services to those with birth defects, strokes, brain injuries, amputations, emotional problems and other physical conditions that impact quality of life. For 50 years, the Center has ensured that the certified, dedicated staff equipped with the best equipment and services are able to serve the community. The Center is a nonprofit organization which serves an average of 135 patients per day. It has provided millions of therapy visits to all in need regardless of the patient's ability to pay. The dedication, passion, and commitment that the Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center has provided for the past 50 years have been a great service to the community.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center. The Center is celebrating 50 years of service and continuing its mission to assist all disabled, handicapped and physically challenged individuals who deserve quality life and treatment. I thank you for this time.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Military Construction/VA, Department of Defense, Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Riley, Kansas

Address of Requesting Entity: 500 Huebner Road, Fort Riley, KS 66442

Description of Request: Provide \$7,100,000 to upgrade the Estes Road access control point at Fort Riley, KS to a primary use gate, to include new guard booths for new entry and exit lanes, perimeter fencing, visitor's center, gatehouse with over-watch position, and additional road extensions for the intersections of Victory Drive, Armistead Road, and Kitty Drive.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
STEPHEN JOHN KOVACIK III

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Stephen John Kovacik III, beloved son, brother, uncle and friend. He lived with great joy and a passionate commitment to the arts, to his family and friends, and to issues of social justice.

Mr. Kovacik had an engaging personality. He was extremely well-read and could spark an interest and a smile from everyone he met. He followed politics, and he was a long-time supporter of progressive candidates and

issues. He had a special interest in issues related to unions and the rights of workers. Mr. Kovacic was known for his compassionate heart and could always be counted on to lend a helping hand.

I extend my deepest condolences to his mother, Landa; to his sister, Lisa; to his brothers, David and Robert; to his niece and nephews, Elizabeth, Walker and Thomas; to his brother-in-law David and sister-in-law Magaly; and to his extended family members and many friends.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mr. Stephen John Kovacic III. Stephen John Kovacic's love for life, generous heart and kind demeanor lifted the lives of others. His soulful spirit will live on forever in the hearts and memories of his family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO HARRISON HIGH
SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Harrison High School marching band for being selected to participate in this year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The Hoyas were one of 8 high school marching bands chosen nationwide to participate in this once in a lifetime experience.

Being awarded this prestigious distinction for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is recognition of being one of the very best high school bands in the country. The Hoyas' selection is a testament to their dedication, devotion and hard work. The parade was a perfect opportunity for them to showcase their skills and countless hours of practice, and anyone who saw the parade on TV on Thanksgiving Day knows they did us proud.

I'd also like to commend the parents, faculty, and entire community who worked to make this possible by supporting the 193-member band.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of all my constituents, I am proud to congratulate the Hoyas on their selection and for their success at the parade.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR CHARLES E.
MOYER

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Charles E. Moyer, the mayor of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania. He is retiring after 16 years as mayor. His hard work and dedication have had an immense impact on his community.

Mr. Moyer was born and raised in Ebensburg, where he attended Holy Name Grade School and Central Cambria High School before taking classes at Saint Francis University. He lives with his loving wife, Rose, and together they raised their daughter Denise and their late son David.

Mr. Moyer began serving Ebensburg in 1963 as a member of the Dauntless Fire Company and was its captain from 1973 to 1983. He first joined the Ebensburg Borough Council in 1974 and became council president in 1984, an office he held until he became mayor in 1994.

Mr. Moyer has been an officer of the Cambria County Boroughs Association since 1986, is a member of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Board of Trustees and Directors, and represents the association on the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's New Product Evaluation Committee. Since 1997, Mr. Moyer has served on the Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority, working to develop recreational resources, including playgrounds and trail projects, in Cambria County. For the past 5 years, Mr. Moyer has also been a member of the Cambria County Airport Authority and has served on the board of directors for the Cambria Somerset Council of Governments for 15 years, including 2 years as the president.

Madam Speaker, during his distinguished career, Mr. Moyer received the Thomas F. Chrostwaite Award in 1993, the Distinguished Service Award in 2002, the Board of Directors Award in 2003, and the A.C. Scales Award from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs in 2007 for exceptionally outstanding service.

As mayor and councilman, Mr. Moyer has been instrumental in the many improvements in Ebensburg. Most recently, the borough enacted a \$1.3 million Streetscape program to revitalize the downtown, which has allowed for the construction of Penn Eben Park with a gazebo-style band shell, new sidewalks, street lights, benches and trees as well as renovations of many buildings. New businesses have nearly filled all the storefronts in downtown Ebensburg.

Madam Speaker, I conclude my remarks by commending Charles E. Moyer for his service to his community. Through his years as a volunteer fireman, a councilman and finally as mayor, he has continually worked to make Ebensburg Borough a better place. His retirement closes a chapter on a long and fruitful career and the people of Ebensburg, along with those of us who have worked with Charlie, will surely miss him.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
JEAN ELSNER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Jean Elsner, age 90, whose youthful spirit and lifelong quest for learning is being recognized at Cleveland State University's fall commencement ceremony, where she will be awarded the coveted President's Medal.

Mrs. Elsner grew up in Cleveland's Buckeye neighborhood during the Great Depression. Her parents were hardworking and resourceful, despite the harsh economic times. Even when they lost their home to foreclosure, and during a time when young women were not encouraged to further their education, her par-

ents always stuck to their plan for her to go to college. In 1941, she graduated magna cum laude with bachelor's degrees in English and Sociology from Ohio University, and her quest for learning, sparked early on by her parents, never diminished.

In 1982, Mrs. Elsner and a friend signed up to take a class at Cleveland State University, and she has been enrolled ever since. For nearly thirty years, she has taken two to three classes every semester. She holds the record for the most classes taken by any one student at Cleveland State—more than 100. Whether rain, sleet or snow, Mrs. Elsner walks to the bus stop every day she has a class and takes the bus downtown from her home in South Euclid. Mrs. Elsner's positive attitude and boundless energy continue to inspire. Her love of life and devotion to family and friends continues to frame each day. Together, she and her beloved husband, the late Sidney Elsner, raised three sons and instilled within them the same values of hard work and the significance of a solid college education.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Jean Elsner, whose exuberance for life, quick smile, caring heart and love for learning continues to enrich and inspire students, professors, friends and family. We wish her continued health, peace and happiness in all the years to come.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, consistent with the House Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, to the best of my knowledge the requests I have detailed below are (1) not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; and (2) not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark. As required by earmark standards adopted by the House Republican Conference, I submit the following information on projects I requested and that were included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 3288.

Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Project Name: 5th and 6th Street Reconstruction, OR

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: City of Redmond, 716 SW., Evergreen Avenue, Redmond, Oregon 97756

Project Location: Madras, Oregon

Description of Project: H.R. 3288 appropriates \$779,200 for the 5th and 6th Street Reconstruction project located in Redmond, Oregon. According to the requesting entity, funding would be used to remove and replace existing pavement surfacing and sub-grade material and restore the street section to minor arterial standard. According to the City of Redmond, this is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will encourage local use and the 5th/6th Street Couplet cannot be properly maintained without reconstruction, as the existing condition cannot accommodate additional maintenance treatments.

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities